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In re Application Koichiro Hori et al  
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Title: Endoscope With Position Display For Zoom Lens  
Unit And Imaging Device  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown  
Attorney's Docket No.: OKTA-6 RE

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1)

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U.S. Patent No. 3,817,635, issued 6/18/74 to J. Kawahara;  
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U.S. Patent No. 4,488,039, issued 12/11/84 to M. Sato et al;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,491,865, issued 1/1/85 to D. Danna et al;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,570,185, issued 2/11/86 to N. Arai et al;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,781,448, issued 11/1/88 to D. Chatenever et al;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,832,003, issued 5/23/89 to H. Yabe;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,846,155, issued 7/11/89 to K. Kimura;  
U.S. Patent No. 4,867,137, issued 9/19/89 to Y. Takahashi;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,122,650, issued 6/16/92 to H. McKinley;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,503,320, issued 4/2/96 to J. Webster et al;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,506,912, issued 4/9/96 to T. Nagasaki et al; and  
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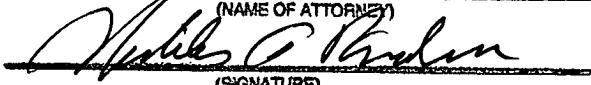
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